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Subject:     RM-9148, RM-9150, RM-9196, Amateur Radio Restructuring
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I suggest the entry into the use of most HF privileges remain 5 words per minute. Having
a 13 **wpm** test **as** the first Morse Code exam would be a major road block to higher class
licensing.

The best **way** to increase code speed is to USE Morse Code. **I'm** an extra **class HAM**
and **I'm** speaking from experience. The 5 wpm is an **easy** test. Getting to 13 **wpm** is **a**
major challenge unless **a** person is operating. With making contacts, 13 wpm is no
challenge at all.

Additionally, I support having the **VEC's** determine the method used for passing the
exam. In fact since **I'm** a VE, I recommend that the multiple choice method be used. My
experience is that people that can copy the **code** pass the multiple choice tests **&** that the
people that can't copy the code, fail the multiple choice tests.

Summary - Multiple choice is efficient & it is accurate.

        Thank You

        Wayne I. Hughes   -   WAOTGH

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<TEXT>I am in agreement with the proposed chages except that I think the
RACES orginzations are very much outdated. Could the FCC consider making The
ARES organization the main entity to handle communication emergencies.
 ARES is already doing so in many States and Counties. The ARRL has a great
working relationship with the FCC in other aspects. Such as the Official
Observer Program.
 If the Amateur Radio Emergency Service Could be listed in Part 97 in place of
RACES I believe personally as well as many others we would have a more unified
emergency service to serve the publics needs in time of crisis.
 In closing the Code should be 5 per minute for General and 10 for Amateur
Extra Class
 Thanks Tom Bench Sr.

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From :   **jim** and **nancy royce** <ac5gr@swbell.net>
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Date: 8/15/98 1:11pm
subject: licenseing

this is only my opinion;
i think that cw is going to be a thing of the past. if the **fcc** wants to
keep licenseing with hams in mind i think each new ham should be
required to build a transciever and have it tested by a **ve** team before
ever being issued a license of any type.
thanks/jr []

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